

Dear Friend,

Congress has a constitutional obligation to ask important questions regarding matters of war and peace. On Wednesday, speaking from the House floor, I asked a series of questions that I believed need answered before our country commits further troops and resources to the war in Afghanistan. These are questions about our strategy, our allies, our costs, and our plan for leaving. You can watch the five-minute speech [here](#) . You can [contact me](#) if you feel there are other questions that need to be asked.

### **CALMing the Airwaves**

For years, the FCC has received complaints from Americans about the volume of commercials and how they are often much louder than the regular content of the program. Currently, the FCC recommends that viewers press the mute button while watching loud ads. This week, the House of Representatives addressed this issue by passing legislation that would prohibit commercials from being substantially louder than the content of television programming. The [Commercial Advertisement Mitigation Act \(CALM\) Act](#) , which I cosponsored, would require broadcasters to implement technology that could regulate the volume of commercials within one year of enactment.

As my colleague, Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA-14), the sponsor of this legislation, said, "This problem has existed for more than 50 years, but no one has properly addressed it. Under the CALM Act, consumers will no longer have to dive for the mute button."

### **Supporting Our First Responders**

As a Representative, I fight to ensure that Central New Jersey taxpayers receive a return investment on their tax dollars. I often hear from local law enforcement who need federal assistance to upgrade their communications equipment, and I work to support them. For Fiscal Year 2010, I secured funding for the following law enforcement agencies:

North Brunswick Township is receiving \$185,000 to purchase a closed circuit video surveillance system with remote monitoring capability, reducing the police department's operating costs and improving public safety efforts. The Mounmouth County Sheriff's Office is getting \$120,000 to modernize its radio system. The Borough of Jamesburg is receiving \$185,000 to upgrade its communications system with a more modern and reliable system. Additionally, I secured

\$500,000 for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office to establish a county-wide gun violence prevention hotline, known as SPEAK UP, which students could use to report anonymously weapon-related threats in their schools and communities.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT  
Member of Congress

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